

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2006, the application has been carefully reviewed and amended. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application is respectively requested.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the claims and his indication that claims 7, 10, and 20 are allowable and that claims 3, 15, and 19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 112 rejection. Claims 3, 15, and 19 have been rewritten to overcome the 112 rejection as discussed on page 3 of the office action. Claims 3, 15, and 19, along with claims 1, 4-5, 9, 11, 12, and 17, which now incorporate the meaning of "desired tracking" as supported by the specification on pages 3 (lines 12-16) and 4 (lines 5-15).

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-9, 11-14, and 16-18 stand as either anticipated by Morse (US 3,913,813) [Claims 1,8,17] or obvious in light of Morse in view of Moe (US 5,659,851) [Claims 2,4-6,9,11-14,16, and 18].

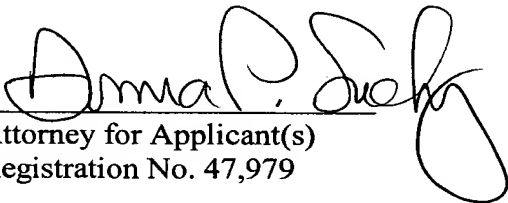
Independent Claims 1 and 17, and dependent claim 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Morse. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to more particularly claim the invention as discussed above. The Examiner points out col. 6, lines 15-20 in Morse as support for the 102 rejection but the Applicants want to point out that Morse, and specifically col. 6, does not support a rejection of these claims since after Morse misleadingly states "to pivotal movement about the gimbal axis 20 and castering axis 30" in lines 16-17 he then goes on to describe a mechanical connection to "yoke 71 by the screw assembly 72" that does not apply force but simply adjusts the roller position about the castering axis 30 NOT the gimbal axis 20 (col. 6, lines 25-29). Morse simply pushes and pulls on this stiff member but does not cause "pivotal movement about the gimbal axis 20" as described in the Applicants' application nor does it describe the use of a lateral constraint as claimed in claim 1.

Claims 2, 4-6, 9, 11-14, 16, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morse in view of Moe (US 5,659,851). The present invention describes and claims a "method of web tracking adjustment" or "apparatus comprising all limitations claimed, including an edge guide that is axially slidable as recited in claims 3, 15, and 19, and a shaft that is mounted to

the housing by spring flexures as recited in claims 7, 10 and 20. " (page 7 of Office Action).

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-20 are now allowable, and hereby request such allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

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